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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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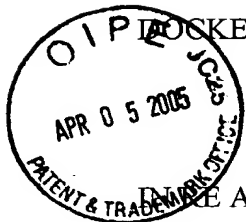
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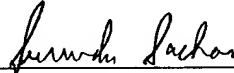
The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowance dated January 5, 2005, is incomplete.

The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" only provides reasons why Claims 1 and 11 are allowable. However, Claims 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 56, 61-65, and 69 are independent claims that recite different elements than Claims 1 and 11.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the statement of reasons for allowance does not accurately reflect the subject matter recited in Claims 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 56, 61-65, and 69, and thus the Applicant submits that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is not applicable to Claims 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 56, 61-65, and 69.

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